NATIVSTATE

Forest Management Policy

FSC Forest Management Group Certificate | SFI® 2022 Forest Management Standard

1. Purpose and Scope

NativState ("the Organization") administers a forest certification program on behalf of enrolled landowners, serving as the Group Entity for its FSC Forest Management group certificate and as the Certified Organization under the SFI® 2022 Forest Management Standard. This policy establishes NativState's forest management commitments under both certification systems.

Enrolled properties may be certified to the FSC standard, the SFI standard, or both. Commitments identified as FSC-specific apply to management units enrolled in the FSC group certificate; commitments identified as SFI-specific apply to lands enrolled in the SFI certificate. All other commitments apply across all lands NativState manages.

2. Commitment to Certification Standards

NativState makes a long-term commitment to sustainable forest management and to the certification standards under which it operates. For management units enrolled in the FSC group certificate, NativState commits to manage, and to require that enrolled lands be managed, in conformance with the FSC Principles and Criteria, the FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for the Conterminous United States (FSC-STD-USA-02-2026), FSC-STD-30-005 Forest Management Groups, and all related FSC and FSC US policies and standards. For lands enrolled in the SFI program, NativState commits to conform with the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard, including its objectives, performance measures, and indicators.

This commitment is endorsed by the individual signing below, who has the authority to implement it, and is communicated throughout the Organization, including to woodland managers, field foresters, staff, contractors, and enrolled landowners. This policy is publicly available and free of charge.

3. Sustainable Forestry Principles

NativState believes forest landowners have an important stewardship responsibility and commitment to society. In keeping with this responsibility, NativState commits to implement and achieve the principles of sustainable forestry across the lands it manages and to promote sustainable forestry on other lands. To practice sustainable forestry means meeting the needs of the present while promoting the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, through a land stewardship ethic that integrates reforestation and the managing, growing and harvesting of trees for useful products and for the provision of ecosystem services such as the conservation of soil, air, and water quality and quantity, climate change adaptation and mitigation, carbon storage, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitats, recreation, and aesthetics.

In managing enrolled forestlands, NativState helps reduce the risk of damaging agents and maintains their long-term health and productivity. Water quality and quantity are protected in streams, lakes, wetlands, and other water bodies through careful planning and implementation of forest operations. Biological diversity is conserved at both the stand and landscape level, with particular attention to species and habitats of conservation concern. The visual quality of forest operations is managed and recreational benefits are provided where appropriate, and sites with ecological, geological, cultural, or historical significance are identified and managed in a manner that protects their special qualities.

NativState conducts its forest management in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and supports the forestry research, science, and technology upon which sound management decisions are based. The Organization invests in the training and education of its staff, contractors, and enrolled landowners to continually improve the practice of sustainable forestry. NativState supports the communities in which it operates; recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional forest-related knowledge; broadens the understanding of forest certification through transparency, public reporting, and communication; continually improves its forest management practices and monitors its performance; and uses and promotes wood sourcing programs that support responsible forestry.

4. Management Planning, Policies, and Objectives

NativState sets management policies and objectives that are environmentally sound, socially beneficial, and economically viable, proportionate to the scale, intensity, and risk of its management activities. Summaries of these policies and objectives are incorporated into management plans and publicized in accordance with the applicable standard. Management is monitored and adapted through continual improvement.

5. No Conversion to Plantation or Non-Forest Land Use

NativState does not convert natural forest or High Conservation Value Areas to plantations or to non-forest land use, nor transform plantations on sites directly converted from natural forest to non-forest land use. For management units enrolled in the FSC group certificate, any exception is permitted only in the very limited circumstances allowed by FSC Criterion 6.9 — that is, where the conversion affects a very limited portion of the management unit, will produce clear, substantial, additional, and secure long-term conservation and social benefits within the management unit, and does not damage or threaten High Conservation Values or the sites and resources necessary to maintain them. NativState does not convert one forest cover type to another unless an assessment of ecological impacts has been conducted and appropriate justification provided (SFI Performance Measure 1.2); does not include within the scope of its SFI certification forest lands that have been converted to non-forest land use (Performance Measure 1.3); and does not afforest in locations that would negatively impact ecologically important natural communities, threatened and endangered species, or native communities at risk of becoming rare (Performance Measure 1.4).

6. Environmental Values, Conservation Areas Network, and Prohibited Inputs

As a forest carbon development company, NativState manages its enrolled forestlands primarily to provide ecosystem services — principally carbon storage and sequestration — alongside the full range of environmental, social, and economic benefits of the forest. Because the provision of ecosystem services is the primary management objective across the group, NativState designates the entirety of each enrolled management unit as part of its Conservation Areas Network. This meets and substantially exceeds the FSC requirement to maintain a Conservation Areas Network of at least 10% of the management unit (FSC Criterion 6.5). Within that network NativState identifies and maps Representative Sample Areas, High Conservation Value Areas, and riparian and rare-community conservation zones, and manages them to maintain or enhance the values they support.

NativState maintains, conserves, and where appropriate restores the environmental values of the lands it manages — water resources, soils, biological diversity, rare, threatened, and endangered species, and High Conservation Values — and harvests at or below levels that can be permanently sustained. Where information about the presence of, or the impact of an activity on, an environmental value is incomplete or inconclusive, NativState applies the precautionary approach, acting to prevent damage and avoid risk to the value. NativState prevents, monitors, and controls invasive species through a written invasive-species strategy — assessment, prevention, control or eradication where practical, and monitoring — implemented under NS-PROC-003.

NativState minimizes the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers through an integrated pest management approach and completes an environmental and social risk assessment before any pesticide application. NativState does not use FSC-prohibited pesticides under the FSC Pesticides Policy (FSC-POL-30-001), and does not use any World Health Organization Class 1A or 1B pesticide or any pesticide banned under the Stockholm Convention. If FSC Highly Hazardous Pesticides that are restricted rather than prohibited, they are only used after completing an environmental and social risk assessment that identifies, assesses, and mitigates the associated environmental and social risks, consistent with the FSC Pesticides Policy. All chemicals and related wastes — including fuel, oil, and containers — are handled, stored, and disposed of so as to prevent pollution.

NativState does not use genetically modified trees or genetically modified regeneration material on enrolled lands. NativState requires its contractors, forest workers, and partners to observe these same environmental commitments.

7. Communication and Availability

This policy is publicly available free of charge, is communicated throughout the Organization, and is provided to enrolled landowners, staff, and contractors. It is reviewed periodically and updated as certification requirements change.

Endorsement

This policy is endorsed by the undersigned, who has the authority to implement it on behalf of NativState.

Stuart Allen, Founder/CEO

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